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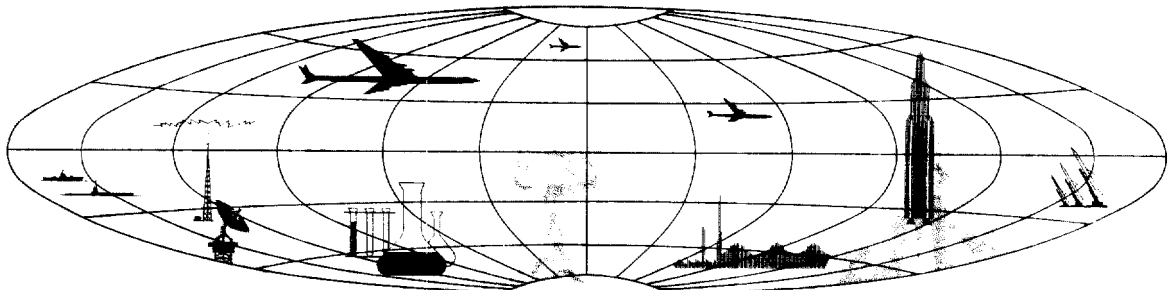


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## SECURED STORAGE AREA PETROPAVLOVSK NAVAL MINING AND TORPEDO DEPOT KOSA, USSR

A triple-fenced storage area is located between the pier area and the storage and support areas at the Petropavlovsk Naval Mining and Torpedo Depot Kosa [redacted] at 52-54N 158-33E. The location at Mys (Cape) Kosa is 3 nautical miles (nm) east of Petropavlovsk Naval Base Tarya Bay [redacted] and 6 nm south-southwest of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, USSR (Figures 1 and 2).

The triple-fenced storage area is situated on a hillside adjoining the main road and contains a long, narrow storage building adjacent to a cliff (Figure 3). The storage building, approximately 225 by 30 feet, is accessible through a single entrance located at the north end. The building has a gable roof on which one ventilator is discernible and a second ventilator is indicated by the pattern of melted snow. A perspective of

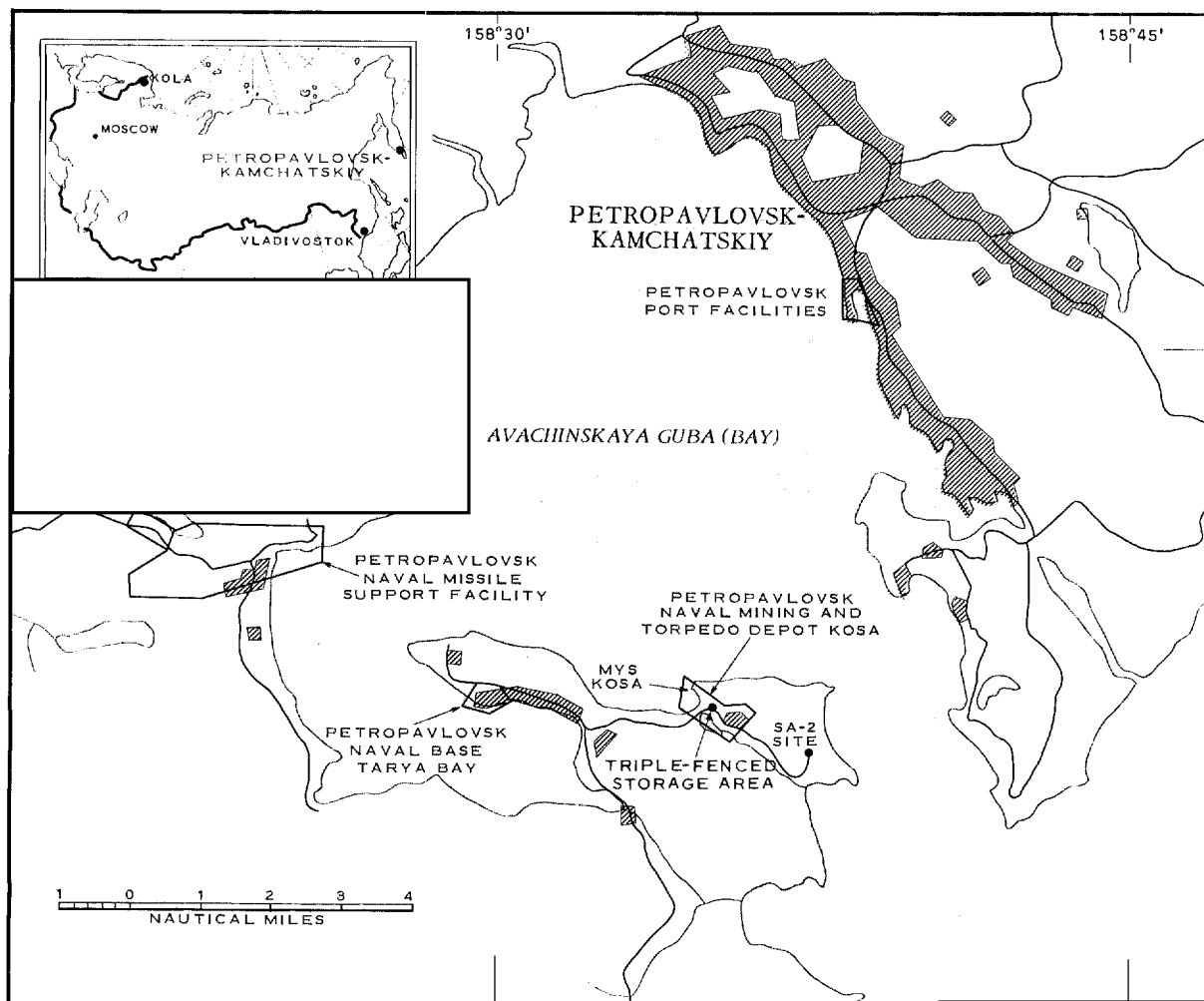


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP.

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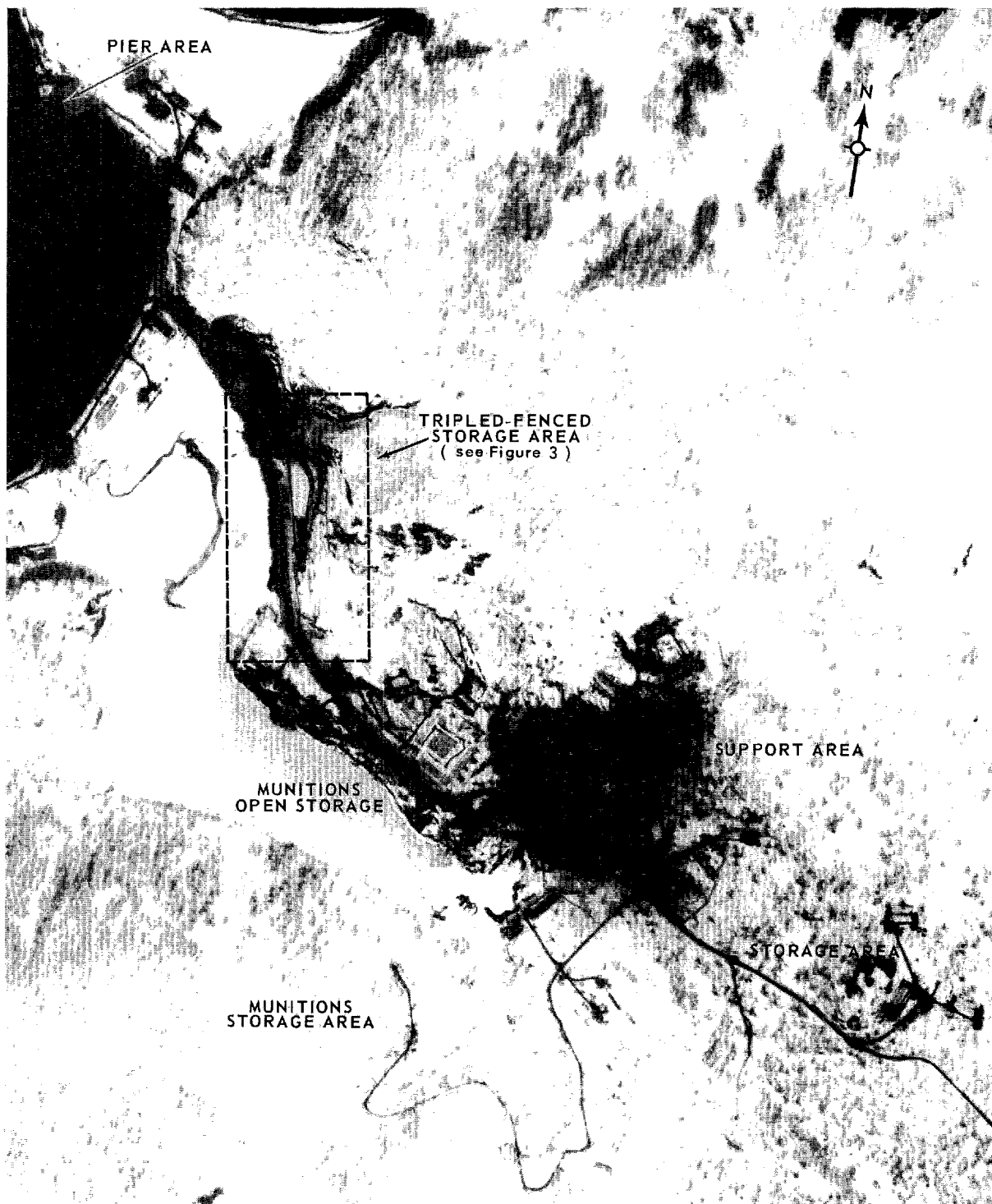


FIGURE 2. PETROPAVLOVSK NAVAL MINING AND TORPEDO DEPOT KOSA

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this building is shown in the inset, Figure 3. An access road extends uphill from the main road and widens into an apron within the triple-fenced area. Two support buildings are within the outer-most fence, and a gatehouse is situated at the junction of the main road and the access road to the storage building. This facility was first observed on photography

secured area with munitions stored in the open; an unsecured storage area with three dispersed storage buildings; and an unsecured support area. The main road extends from the pier area past the munitions depot and terminates at an SA-2 site.

This munitions depot supports Petropavlovsk Naval Base Tarya Bay, which is the principal submarine base for the Soviet Pacific Fleet. Since the Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy area is 1,200 nm from the fleet headquarters at Vladivostok and is accessible only by air and

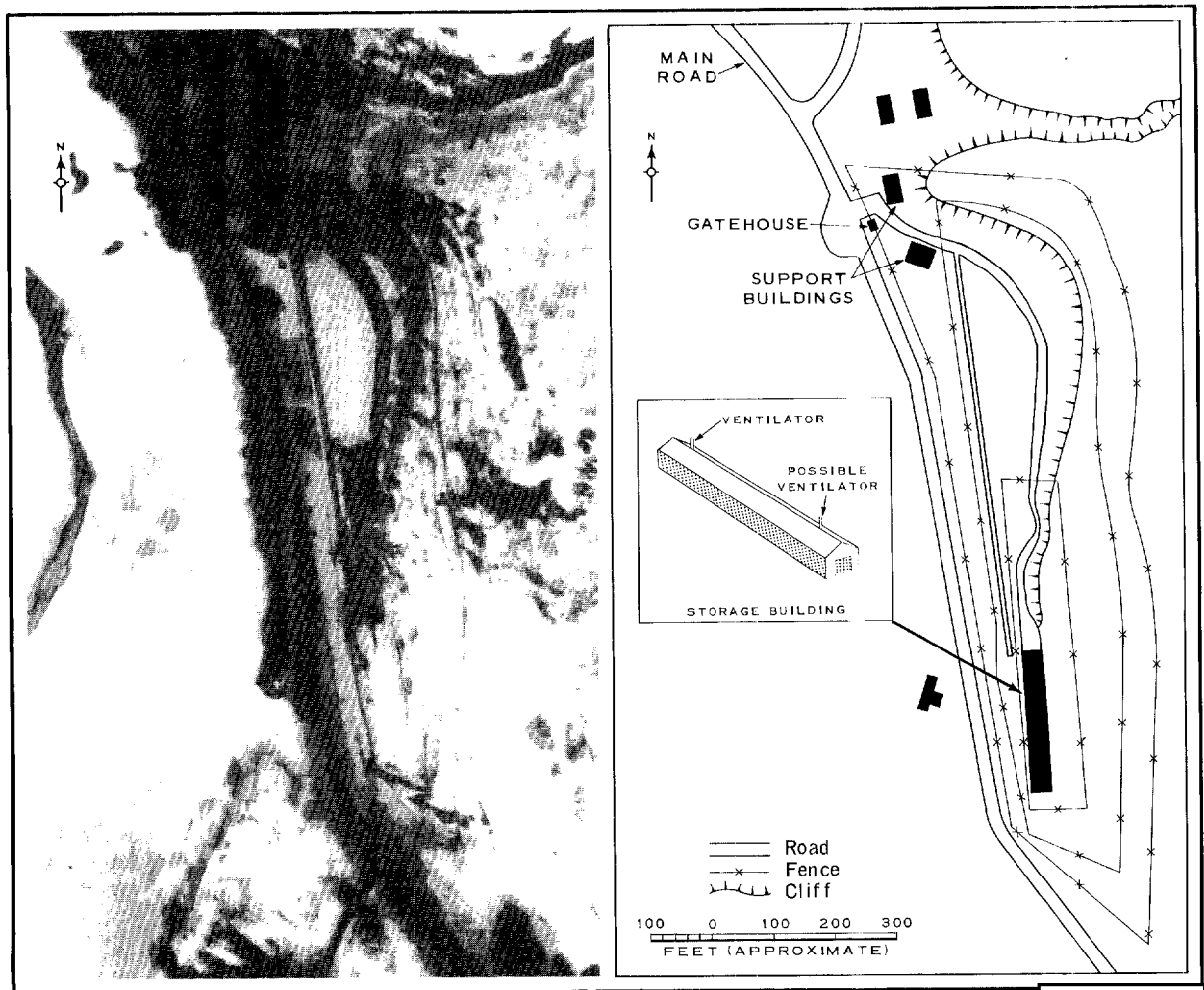


FIGURE 3. TRIPLE-FENCED STORAGE AREA. Inset sketch is a perspective of the storage building.

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by sea, complete munitions storage is required. However, storage facilities for conventional submarine munitions (torpedoes and mines) have already been identified elsewhere within the munitions depot at Mys Kosa; naval missile air-frames

cannot be determined. The storage building appears to be of conventional design with no indications of any specialized form of storage. The only extraordinary features of the storage area are the elaborate security provisions and the isolated location of the site. A preliminary search of the Kola Inlet area, headquarters for the Soviet Northern Fleet, did not reveal any facility comparable to the triple-fenced area at Petropavlovsk Naval Mining and Torpedo Depot Kosa.

The exact function of the triple-fenced area

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